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Race for Governorship

The platform upon which he will make his campaign for the democratic nomination for governor was announced here today by Harry St. George Tucker, of Lexington. Mr. Tucker said he stands four square for a continuation of the business administration of the state's affairs, which was endorsed unanimously by the democratic state convention at Roanoke last May as "clean, capable and courageous."

Mr. Tucker said, if elected governor of Virginia, his policy would be "Progressive economy and productive efficiency."

He said he stood on his "Back to the Constitution" program for a return in public living to the constitutional ideals of the nation's founders, and for an unmasked, genuine, red-blooded Americanism. He also declared for a strict and impartial enforcement of all laws of the commonwealth; for the improvement of the public school system and for the construction and maintenance of good roads as matters of paramount importance to the people of the state.

BROADEN BUDGET SCOPE

The executive budget system Mr. Tucker said, should be extended to include all state departments and institutions; and the most modern and improved auditing and accounting methods adopted. He declared for broadening the scope of the state purchasing agency; for efficiency and economy in state service in all its branches; for better paid school facilities, especially in country districts, with better trained better paid teachers, an simplest and most direct method of local school administration; and the speedy construction of the state highway system as now, or here after constituted, through the financial cooperation of the state and federal governments, as well as for a generous policy of state money aid to the county systems, and to the end that the state and county system may ultimately and as quickly as possible constitute one great interlocking system of improved roads, furnishing needed transportation facilities to all of the people of the state and particularly to the farmer in marketing his produce. "Coincident with construction, a forward-looking slogan, a call to the service of the future," he said, "in fact," he said, "regulation already accomplished, but I would direct rather the minds of all toward citizens to the ideals of constitutional government promulgated by our forefathers as a basis for progress. I deplore any further concentration of power in the federal government at the expense of the reserved powers of the states, and would have our people consider seriously the danger of over-extended constitutionality of the future," "in fact," he added, "back to the Constitution and not 'back of the Constitution' is my slogan."

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